Foreign Parties:

(i) International Combustion Ltd., UK.

(ii) Ansaldo GIE, Italy

POWER SHORTAGE IN HARYANA AND UTTAR PRADESH

2670. DR. SANJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of power in the State of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, if so, what are the details of consumption and demand of power for industries and Agriculture in those states; and

(b) what steps have been taken/proposed to be taken to meet the demand and by when these States are likely to become self-sufficient in this field ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) During the period April, 1993—November, 1993, the energy shortage in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh was 7.9 per cent and 10.2 per cent respectively as against the all-India average shortage of 7.4 per cent. Power supply to various categories of consumers including industrial and agricultural sectors is within the authority of the State Govt./State Electricity Boards.

(b) Various measures are being taken to improve the availability of power in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh which include maximising generation from the existing generating stations, implementation of Renovation and modernisation programme, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation measures and assistance from neighbouring States and systems, allocation of power from unallocated output of Central Sector Stations in the Northern Region.

PROPOSAL TO SET UP POWER TRANSMISSION LINES

2671. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India has proposed to set up 800 KV power transmission lines between Kishanpur in J&K and Moga in Punjab;

(b) whether World Bank's assistance has been sought for this project;

(c) whether the World Bank has expressed some doubts regarding the cost of the project and suggested its deferment; and

(d) if so, what action Government are taking to proceed with the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) The Government has sanctioned construction of 800 KV single circuit transmission lines between Kishanpur in J&K and Moga in Punjab. The line is to be charged on 400 kv in the initial stage.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The World Bank had suggested to study and accept, if feasible an alternative line design of 400 kv, which could be upgraded 800 kv at a later date which the Bank felt, might be economical. The suggestion was examined by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (Powergrid) in consultation with its consultants. They opined that the original proposal was advantageous as compared to World Bank proposal. It has been decided to retain the orginal proposal.

PRIVATE SECTOR POWER PROJECTS

2672. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;